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Judge Holds 2 Agents Of CIA in Contempt

SEATTLE, Sept. 23 (A.—A

Federal Court judge held two Central Intelligence agents in contempt today for refusing to testify in the Owen Lattimore trip "false tip" case.

Judge William J. Lindberg first ruled, after a several days' recess to think it over, that the CIA agents could not escape testifying on national security grounds. He held them in contempt after they still refused to testify.

The two agents, Miller Holland and Wayne Richardson, were called in the trial of Henry A. Jarvinen, Seattle travel agency manager. Jarvinen is accused of falsely telling FBI and CIA agents that Lattimore, the controversial John Hopkins University professor and writer, was planning a trip to Russia.

The State Department issued an order last summer against Lattimore leaving the country, on the basis of the tips, but later apologized publicly to him.

Judge Lindberg said he felt the law would protect the agency's claim of privilege on a military or international level but the privilege could not be extended to the Jarvinen case "because of the importance of the principle involved."

Lawrence Huston, general counsel of the CIA had pleaded with the court that all information obtained by the agency is "classified" and could not be revealed under any circumstances.

The agents were told they will be remanded to the United States marshal at the end of the trial.

Both agents said their refusal to testify was on advice of their superiors in Washington, D. C.

The Government rested its case against Jarvinen after the court ruling.